

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claim 29 is allowable. The subject matter of allowable claim 29 and intervening claim 28 has been integrated within base claim 18. Independent method claim 33 has been amended to correspond to the subject matter now defined by apparatus claim 18. The amendments of claims 18 and 33 have been drafted to overcome the 35 USC 112, first paragraph, rejections applied thereto, and the amendment of claim 33 has been drafted to overcome the applied 35 USC 101 rejection. Claims 19, 20, 28, and 29 have been cancelled. Therefore, allowance of claims 18 and 33 and all claims dependent therefrom is deemed to be warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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